

Amendment to Claims

Please cancel claims 3-5, 8-10, 13-16, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims 1, 6 and 7 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A universal remote control ("URC") to control at least one electronic appliance, comprising:
 - a housing;
 - a first control circuitry which, responsive to a user's command, remotely controls the operation of the at least one electronic appliance, the first control circuitry being located within the housing;
 - a digital voice recorder, disposed within the housing, which records audio signal from both a user and the user's ambience, and plays back said audio signal, responsive to a user's command, said digital voice recorder and said first control circuitry being operationally independent of each other;
 - a power supply located within said housing ~~being~~, said power supply being adapted to provide power to said first control circuitry and said digital voice recorder.
2. (Previously Amended) The URC according to claim 1, wherein the digital voice recorder comprises:
 - a microphone to receive the audio signal from both the user and the user's ambience;
 - a processor to process the received audio signal from said microphone;
 - a memory to store the processed received audio signal, said memory and said first control circuitry being operationally independent of each other;
 - a speaker to play back the audio signal, and
 - a second control circuitry to operate the digital voice recorder upon the user's command.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The URC of claim 3~~

A universal remote control ("URC") to control at least one electronic appliance, comprising:

a housing;

a first control circuitry which, responsive to a user's command, remotely controls the operation of the at least one electronic appliance, the first control circuitry being located within the housing;

a digital voice recorder which records and plays back at least one audio signal, responsive to a user's command, said digital voice recorder and said first control circuitry being operationally independent of each other;

couple means to attach the digital voice recorder to the housing, wherein the couple means comprises an elastic band wrapping around the housing.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The URC of claim 3~~

A universal remote control ("URC") to control at least one electronic appliance, comprising:

a housing;

a first control circuitry which, responsive to a user's command, remotely controls the operation of the at least one electronic appliance, the first control circuitry being located within the housing;

a digital voice recorder which records and plays back at least one audio signal, responsive to a user's command, said digital voice recorder and said first control circuitry being operationally independent of each other;

couple means to attach the digital voice recorder to the housing, wherein the couple means comprises at least one pair of clamps to attach the digital voice recorder to the housing.

11. (Previously Added) The URC according to claim 1, wherein the digital voice recorder comprises:

a microphone to receive the audio signal concurrently generated by both the user and the user's ambience, said microphone being operationally independent of said control circuitry's controlling of said appliance;

a memory to store the received audio signal directly from said microphone;

a speaker to play back the received audio signal stored in the EEPROM, and

control circuitry to operate the digital voice recorder upon the user's command, wherein said control circuitry is operationally independent of said microphone, memory and speaker.

12. (Previously Added) The URC according to claim 2, wherein said control circuitry controls said appliance independent of said memory's operation.

17. (Previously Added) The URC according to claim 2, wherein the processed received audio signal stored in said memory does not control the operation of said first control circuitry.